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BENTEN ROCK YOU★

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少女・いずみは、親友のノリコがいないと何もできない極度の人見知り。
やりたいこともないまま、高校受験という初めての人生の岐路に直面していた。
そんなとき不意に出会ったのは、不忍池のほとりで琵琶を鳴らし、自らを「神」と称する弁天様！
そこで弁天様から「音を絵としてとらえる」という才能を見出されたいずみは…？
臆病すぎる少女と、自由すぎる神サマの出会いで浮かび上がる、
フシギでロックな青春グラフィティ――！

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Benten-sama's Tour of Ueno

Oh~
Looking at the inner cover now, are we? You must have a lot of time on your hands!
How convenient.
I shall give you a tour of the area around Shinobazu pond, the story's main setting.

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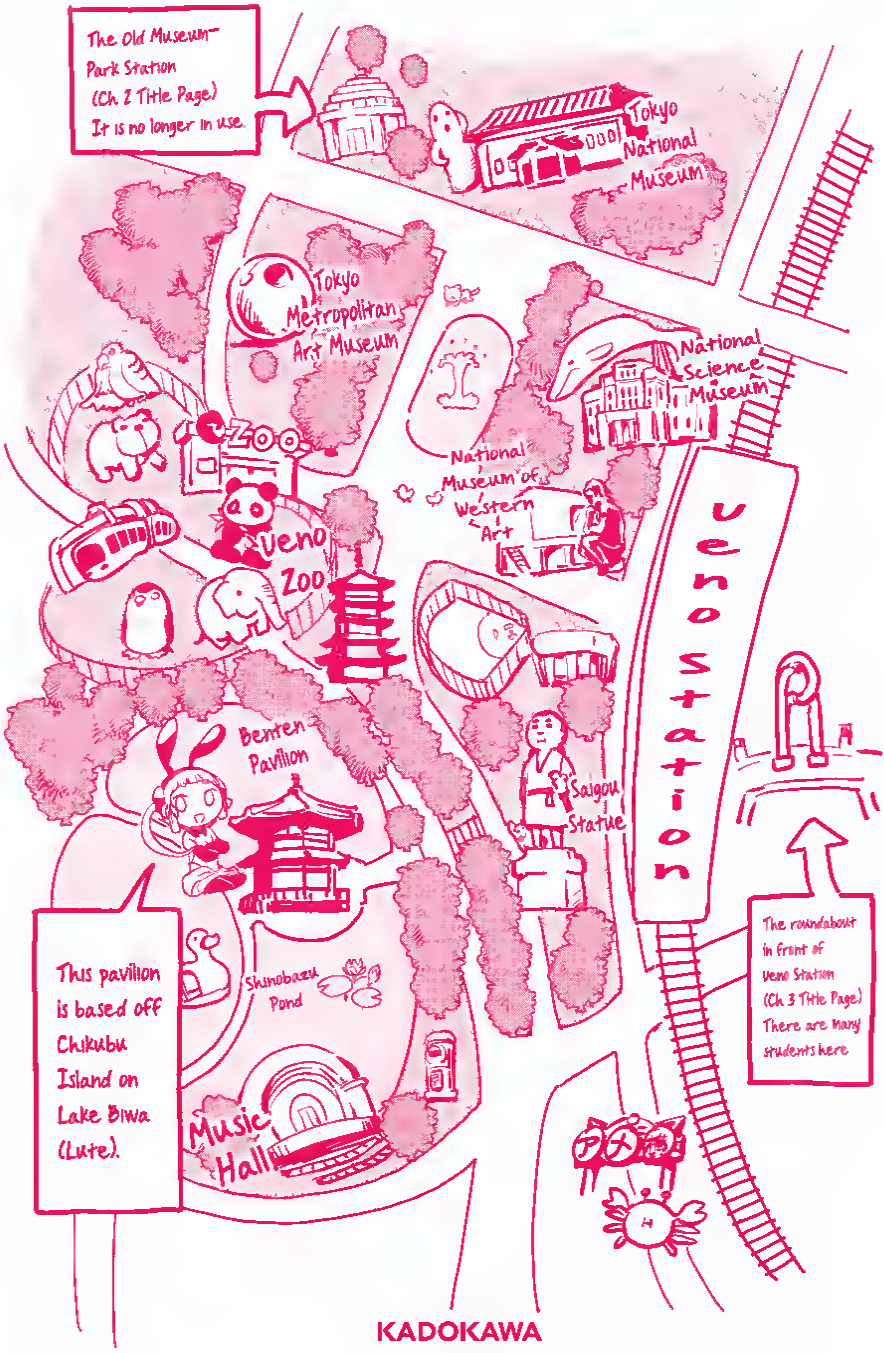
The Old Museum-Park Station (Ch. 2 Title Page) It is no longer in use.
Tokyo National Museum
Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum
National Science Museum
Zoo
National Museum of Western Art
Ueno Zoo
Ueno station
Benten Pavilion
Saigou Statue
This pavilion is based off Chikubu Island on Lake Biwa (Lute).
Shinobazu Pond
Music Hall
The roundabout in front of Ueno Station (Ch. 3 Title Page) There are many students here

RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING...

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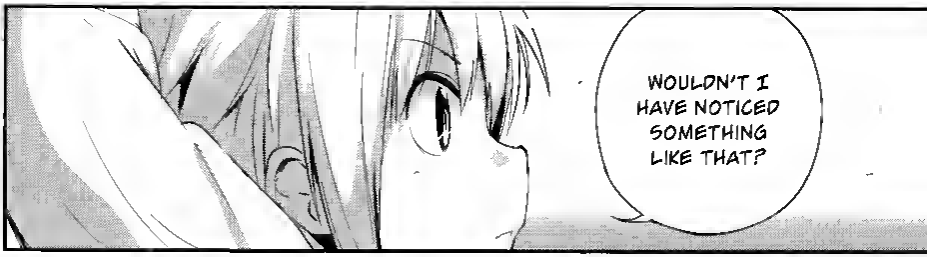
CHAPTER 2: ACHTUNG BABY

YOU CAN'T GET ANY SOUND TO COME OUT?
WHEN I GOT HOME,
I TRIED PLAYING, BUT...
I COULDN'T GET IT TO SOUND THE WAY IT DID WHEN BENTEN-SAMA PLAYED IT
ALL IT DID WAS MAKE WEIRD NOISES...
へぃ～ん
I LOOKED ON THE INTERNET, AND APPARENTLY ELECTRIC GUITARS NEED AN AMP AND A CABLE
OTHERWISE, THEY WON'T WORK...
...YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?

UENO PARK ZOO
I STILL CAN'T TRUST WHAT THAT GODDESS SAID...
THAT WHOLE THING ABOUT YOU HAVING THE ABILITY TO GIVE SOUND FORM OR WHATEVER.


WOULDN'T I HAVE NOTICED SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

HONESTLY? I THINK SHE'S JUST STRINGING US ALONG.
.....

I...
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT, EITHER...

WELL, I ALREADY ACCEPTED THE GUITAR...
SO,
NOW WE'RE GOING TO ASK HER ABOUT HOW TO GET SOUND OUT OF IT.
YEAH.
UGH, I'M REALLY NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS...

CLINK
NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY!
FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELVES.

HOW DARE YOU SLANDER MY GOOD NAME!
YOU LYING CHEAT!
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO IRRESPONSIBLE?! YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP HER?!

I WOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE SO IF I COULD HAVE
YOU'RE A GOD FOR GOD'S SAKE!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST WRITE THE REST OF THE SONG YOURSELF?! WOULDN'T THAT BE A LOT FASTER ANYWAY?!

CLANK
CLANK
STUPID GODDESS!!!

I DO NOT NECESSARILY POSSESS ENDLESS ARTISTIC ABILITY
BENTEN-P, IF YOU WILL
I AM BUT A PRODUCER.
FLATTERING ME WILL DO YOU NO GOOD
PinP

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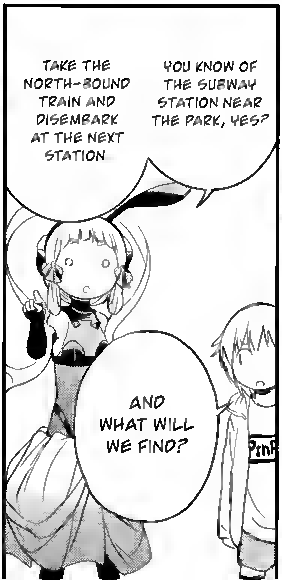
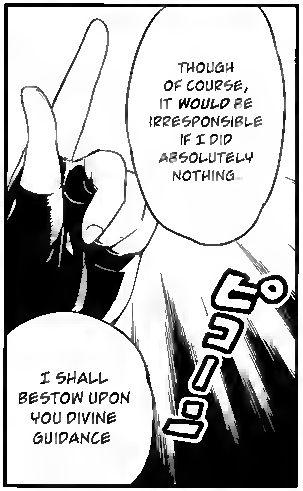

TAKE THE NORTH-BOUND TRAIN AND DISEMBARK AT THE NEXT STATION
YOU KNOW OF THE SUBWAY STATION NEAR THE PARK, YES?
AND WHAT WILL WE FIND?
PinP



Sign: Tanabe Music Store — Electric Guitars and Basses

THERE'S SO MANY...
fwip fwip
HMM... WELL LET'S GET AN AMP FOR STARTERS.
¥9,900
OH HEY, WHAD'YA KNOW.
APPARENTLY THEY HAVE A BEGINNER'S SET.

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ビィィィィン
ビィィィィン
ビィィィィン

I THINK IT'S A GIRL, SO YOU'LL PROBABLY BE FINE!
U-UM
EXCUSE ME?
Louder!
UM!!
EXCUSE ME!!
HYAAAA!!

SHE'S TOTALLY NORMAL!!
Welcome! What can I do for you today?
MAYBE SHE'S NOT SO NORMAL AFTER ALL!!
HOW IS THAT INFORMATION EVEN NECESSARY? AND THAT'S PROBABLY NOT HER REAL NAME ANYWAY
Nice to meet you!
THAT'S WHAT MY BAND MEMBERS CALL ME
AH... MY NAME'S ANGELINA I'M IN CHARGE OF THE GUITAR SECTION. YOU CAN JUST CALL ME ANGIE, THOUGH

Here
OH, BUT I SEE YOU ALREADY HAVE A GUITAR.
I'D RECOMMEND OUR BEGINNER'S SET, THEN...
THINGS YOU NEED TO START PLAYING THE ELECTRIC GUITAR?
BUT FIRST, COULD I TAKE A LOOK AT IT?
IF IT'S A GOOD MODEL, YOU'LL NEED GOOD EQUIPMENT TO MATCH
O-OKAY
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GET YOU THE OTHER STUFF YOU NEED.
IT'S A... BENTEN MODEL?
...?
BEN-TEN?
IS THIS AN ARTIST MODEL?
IF ANYTHING, THE DESIGN REMINDS ME A LITTLE OF HOTEI'S STUFF...
IT'S A LES PAUL ALL RIGHT, BUT THERE'S NO MAKE OR MODEL WRITTEN ANYWHERE.
...CAN'T SAY I'VE SEEN A GUITAR LIKE THIS BEFORE...
...

FOR EXAMPLE
A SONG I WANT TO PLAY?
IS THERE A SPECIFIC SONG OR GENRE YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY?
ONE MORE THING
ONES THAT ARE
!!!
SUPER INTEEEEEE-EEEENSE!!!

UM...
AH,
MAYBE NOT SO MUCH ONES
THAT ARE LIKE SKELETONS DANCING AT A BON FESTIVAL
...I THINK.
UM..
SKELETONS DANCING AT A BON FESTIVAL?
IZUMI!
AH!

AHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!!
SKELETONS DANCING AT A BON FESTIVAL.
fufu
I LIKE THAT.
fufu
IT'S CUTE.

YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING WAY OF PUTTING THINGS
IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU SAW MY MUSIC

ANYWAY, A BASIC SET SHOULD BE ENOUGH IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN MIND YET.
Best not to get greedy about these things.
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU'LL NEED...
AN AMP,
VOX
A 1/4" CABLE,
AND A TUNER.
YOU PROBABLY NEED A CASE TOO, HUH?
ALSO, IT'S GOTTA BE A REAL PAIN CARRYING IT AROUND LIKE THAT.
YEAH..
BY THE WAY, HOW MUCH ARE YOU LOOKING TO SPEND?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
UM...
jingle

1,798 YEN...
YEAH, THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S EVEN CLOSE TO ENOUGH
OH.
Hm...
?
Hrm...
AH
AH
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HOLD ON A SEC!
RIGHT!
AH.
はっ
VOX
AC30
HERE.
ADD IN THE TUNER AND CASE, PLUS TAX, AND THAT'LL BE 1,000 YEN.
THIS IS MINE, SO THAT MAKES IT SECONDHAND
WHA?!
Y-YES.
IT'S A MINI AMP YOU PLUG IT DIRECTLY INTO THE GUITAR AND LISTEN WITH HEADPHONES
YOU HAVE HEADPHONES, RIGHT?

ARE YOU SURE?!
YEAH, I BARELY USE IT ANYWAY.
ALSO.. WELL ..

WHEN PEOPLE LIKE YOU
COME HERE HOPING TO START THE GUITAR, YOU'RE ALL THE SAME.

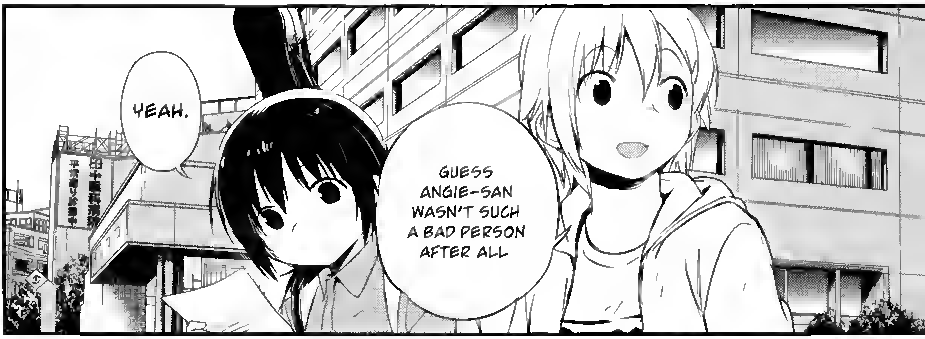
YOU'RE NERVOUS,
NOT SURE WHAT TO DO...
BUT YOUR EYES SHINE WITH A FIERCE DETERMINATION TO START SOMETHING NEW...

HELPING THOSE PEOPLE
TAKE THAT FIRST STEP
IS THE BEST PART OF THIS JOB.

FEEL FREE TO STOP BY IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
THANKS.

IF IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR KIND OF THING, YOU SHOULD COME CHECK IT OUT.
MY BAND IS PERFORMING AT THIS UPCOMING MUSIC FESTIVAL.
JET SOUND

SOUND
LIVE FES
20XX.9.30 VENU
LINEUP


YEAH.
GUESS ANGIE-SAN WASN'T SUCH A BAD PERSON AFTER ALL

Looks like you won't be buying anymore snacks this month though
Yeah

GULP
SONY

トリメロン?

OH, GOOD MORNING, NORIKO-CHAN.
GOOD MORNING, MRS. ANA-MORI.
SORRY, IZUMI'S RUNNING A LITTLE LATE TODAY.
IZUMI! NORIKO-CHAN IS HERE!!
MORNING...
IZUMI...
YOUR SWEATER'S BACKWARDS.
Agh! Your hair's a mess, too!!
Izu... Izumi! Why aren't you dressed yet?!
...

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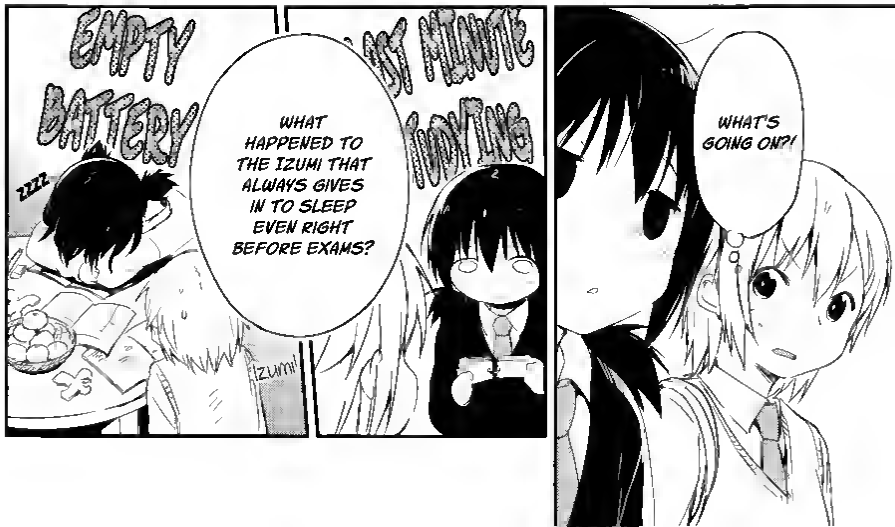
NO, I WENT TO SLEEP... AT ABOUT 5AM...
WITHOUT SLEEPING?
WAIT, YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING THE GUITAR EVER SINCE YOU GOT HOME YESTERDAY?

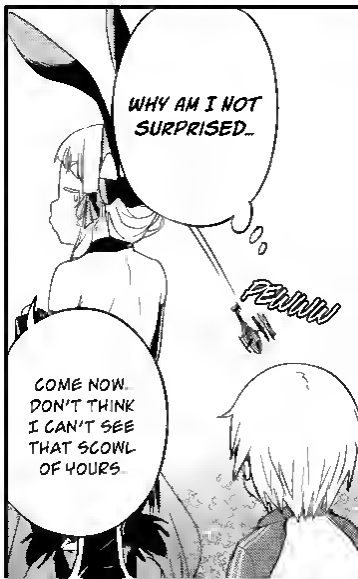

EMPTY BATTERY
ZZZZ
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE IZUMI THAT ALWAYS GIVES IN TO SLEEP EVEN RIGHT BEFORE EXAMS?
IZUMI!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

BUT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I PLAY...
LOOK, IT'S GOOD TO BE PASSIONATE ABOUT SOMETHING, BUT DON'T SELL YOUR SOUL TO IT.
DON'T FORGET THAT MIDTERMS ARE COMING UP.
YEAH, I KNOW...
I THINK MAYBE IT WON'T WORK UNLESS I PLAY ACTUAL CHORDS
...I CAN'T SEE THE SOUND LIKE WHEN BENTEN-SAMA PLAYED
SO I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO THAT...

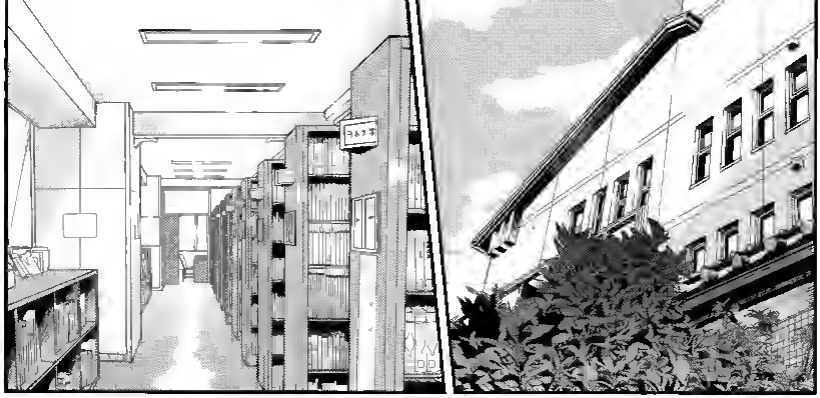
ビィィィィィ
'TIS A MATTER OF INSTINCT!
ビィィィィィ
FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELVES.

I DO NOT KNOW THE CHORDS, AND I CANNOT TEACH WHAT I DO NOT KNOW!!
NO, I CANNOT!
CAN'T YOU AT LEAST GIVE HER LESSONS?!

I TOLD YOU, IT IS A MATTER OF INSTINCT.
THEN WHY CAN YOU PLAY THE GUITAR?!


WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED...
FUUUU
COME NOW... DON'T THINK I CAN'T SEE THAT SCOWL OF YOURS

BEHOLD, I, GOD OF ARTISTRY, WORTHY OF UNENDING PRAISE. BOW BEFORE ME
AND WHEN I WANT TO PLAY THAT NOTE, I JUST KNOW WHICH STRING NEEDS PRESSING
HEHE~
WHEN I SEE A MUSICAL SCORE, I JUST KNOW WHAT SORT OF NOTE NEEDS PLAYING
I ADMIT IT'S AMAZING, BUT NOT IN A WAY I CAN APPRECIATE.
I LITERALLY CANNOT BELIEVE A GOD IS ASKING ME TO COMMIT A CRIME!!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THAT?
A PATRON PUT 1,000 YEN IN THE OFFERING BOX YESTERDAY.
SHE SPENT ALL OF IT BUYING THE STUFF SHE NEEDS TO PLAY
IZUMI DOESN'T HAVE ANY ALLOWANCE LEFT
GIVE THOSE A READ.
THERE ARE MANY BOOKS FOR LEARNING GUITAR CHORDS, NO?
A LIBRARY.
I KNEW IT!! YOU JUST WON'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!!
THEN, WALK FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES
TAKE THE PARK EXIT THAT WAY AND FOLLOW THE MAIN ROAD
AND WHAT WILL WE FIND THIS TIME?
I SHOULD THINK IT WOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS I SAY IT IS.
It doesn't work that way.
VERY WELL. I SHALL BESTOW UPON YOU DIVINE GUIDANCE ONCE MORE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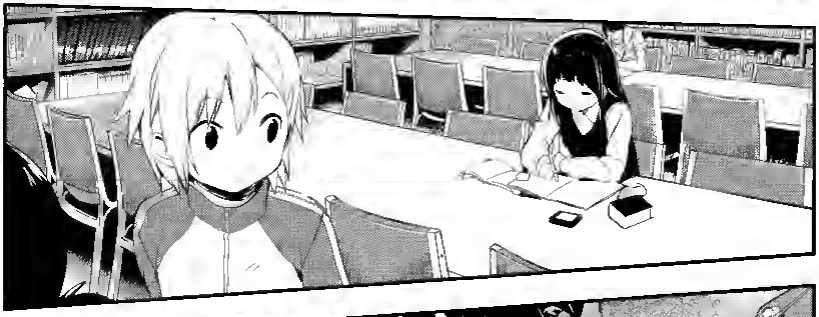
音楽
ぜったいゴレンジャー

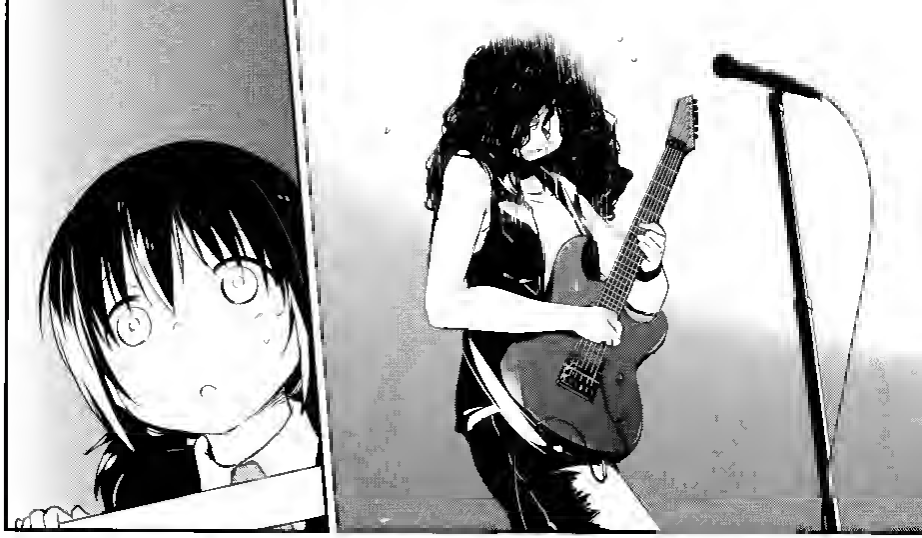


JET SOUND
野恩賜公園野外ステージ

OH, YOU. WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE.
THIS, TOO, IS A PART OF MY GARDEN.
BESIDES, IS IT SO STRANGE TO SEE A GOD ATTENDING A FESTIVAL?

IT'S STARTING!
AH.
DRUM DRUM DRUM
TAP TAP

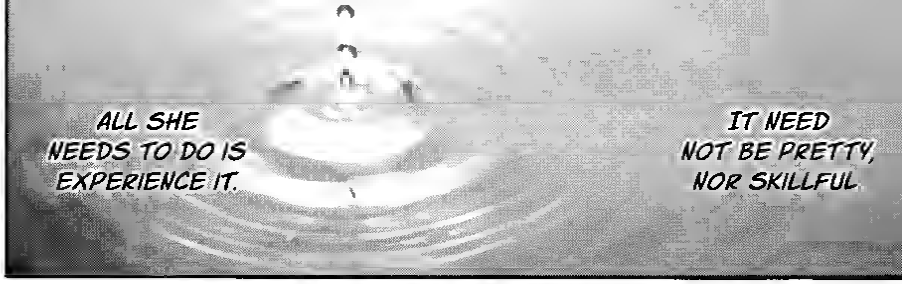
KST
KST
KST
KST
THERE SHE GOES



I SEE SHE STAYS TRUE TO THE MUSIC SINGING FROM WITHIN A FINE ARTIST, INDEED
THOUGH A TAD OBSESSED WITH TECHNIQUE
IF IZUMI HAD AS MUCH SKILL AS HER, SHE COULD WRITE THE SONG WITH EASE...

NO...
THAT WOULD BE DULL

SHE NEEDS NAUGHT BUT TO ENJOY CREATING MUSIC
LIKE A CHILD PLAYING WITH CLAY,
SHE CAN TAKE DELIGHT IN THE MUSIC RESONATING FROM HER FINGERS


ALL SHE NEEDS TO DO IS EXPERIENCE IT.
IT NEED NOT BE PRETTY, NOR SKILLFUL

IF SHE KEEPS THESE MEMORIES CLOSE TO HER HEART,
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PIK

THEY WILL BECOME SOMETHING SHE TREASURES DEARLY.
PIK
PIK
END